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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 1729

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, ASEAN

SUBJECT: ASEAN MEETING PATTAYA

1. SUMMARY: SECGEN MFA ZAITON TOLD ME THIS MORNING THAT SUBJECT MEETING WAS ROUTINE, PROVIDED LITTLE FORWARD MOVEMENT ON IMPORTANT POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC ISSUES, BUT WAS USEFUL FORUM FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. MOST INTERESTING ELEMENT WAS THAI BRIEFING ON SITUATION IN CAMBODIA, WHICH INDICATED THAT POSITION OF LON NOL' S FORCES WAS CONSIDERABLY BETTER THAN DESCRIBED IN PRESS. CONSENSUS OF ASEAN WAS THAT NORTH VIETNAMESE WOULD SEEK TO MAINTAIN OPTIONS IN LAOS AND CAMBODIA UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THEY CONSIDERED THEIR POSITION VIS- A- VIS SOUTH VIETNAM SUFFICIENTLY STRONG TO ABANDON SANCTUARIES IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. END SUMMARY.

2. THAI BRIEFING BY CHATICHA UNDERLINED SUBSTANTIAL STRENGTH OF LON NOL' S FORCES THROUGHOUT CAMBODIA, AND
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RELATIVE WEAKNESS AS WELL AS LACK OF UNITY IN OPPOSING FORCES.
ZAITON SAID THAI SUGGESTED THAT SIHANOUK' S FORCES HAD
MOUNTED MONSTER PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN TO GIVE IMPRESSION
SIHANOUK FORCES WERE INVINCIBLE AND IN CONTROL OF MOST OF THE
COUNTRY. THAI CLAIMED THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE TO SUSTAIN
SIHANOUK' S CLAIM THAT HE HAD RECENTLY MADE TRIGHT ALSO CONSIDER AN
EXCEPTION FOR C-47 SPARE PARTS IF
YOU BELIEVE THAT THE ISSUE IS IMPORTANT TO OUR OVERALL
RELATIONS WITH URUGUAY. ESPECIALLY GIVEN THE SPECIAL ROLE
OF THE MILITARY IN URUGUAY SINCE THE FEBRUARY " SOFT GOLPE".
WE NOTE THAT THE FY 72 FMS PROGRAM CONTAINED DOLS 450 THOUSAND
AIRCRAFT SPARE PARTS, OF WHICH \$350 THOUSAND REMAIN
UNCOMMITTED. IN MAKING YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS PLEASE CON-
SIDER ANY ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF INREASING THE GOU' S
DEBT BURDEN. ROGERS

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